

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

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1. This communication is responsive to _____.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20060504
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-11 are allowed over the closest references cited below.

The present invention is drawn to a substituted cycloalkane of formulae Ia, Ib and Ic as depicted in claim 1 hereof; a process for preparing a substituted cycloalkane as claimed in claim 1 (claims 5-8); and a cationic polymerization process, which comprises polymerizing cationically polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated monomers in the presence of a substituted cycloalkane as claimed in claim 1 (claims 9-11).

EP 0713883 discloses a process for producing isobutene polymers by cationic polymerization of isobutene in the presence of an initiator system as broadly described at page 2, line 31 to page 3, line 3. Suitable initiator compounds are said to include "all organic compounds having at least one nucleophilically displaceable leaving group" (page 9, II. 10-12); preferred compounds conform to, e.g., the general formulae 1-A to 1-D on page 10 thereof. A substituted cycloalkane according to applicants' claim 1 is neither taught nor fairly suggested in EP '883.

Lang *et al* teach a process for preparing isobutene polymers, wherein isobutene and, as initiator, a cyclopentene derivative of the formula (I) in column 1 are reacted in the presence of a Lewis acid. In the formula (I), it is stated that X is preferably halogen, in particular chlorine and 3-chlorocyclopentene is said to be particularly preferred. The use of a substituted cycloalkane conforming to claim formula Ia, Ib or Ic is neither taught nor fairly suggested in Lang *et al*.

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Kuntz discloses isobutylene homo- and co-polymers prepared by use of a catalyst system comprising a haloadamantane component and a Lewis acid. Catalyst systems illustrated in Kuntz are based on specific mono- and poly-halo adamantanes together with diethylaluminum chloride or BF_3 (Tables I-III). Nowhere in Kuntz is a substituted cycloalkane conforming to claim formula Ia, Ib or Ic mentioned; nor can it be said that the claimed compound would have been suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art from a fair reading of the Kuntz teachings.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner F. M. Teskin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM, and can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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